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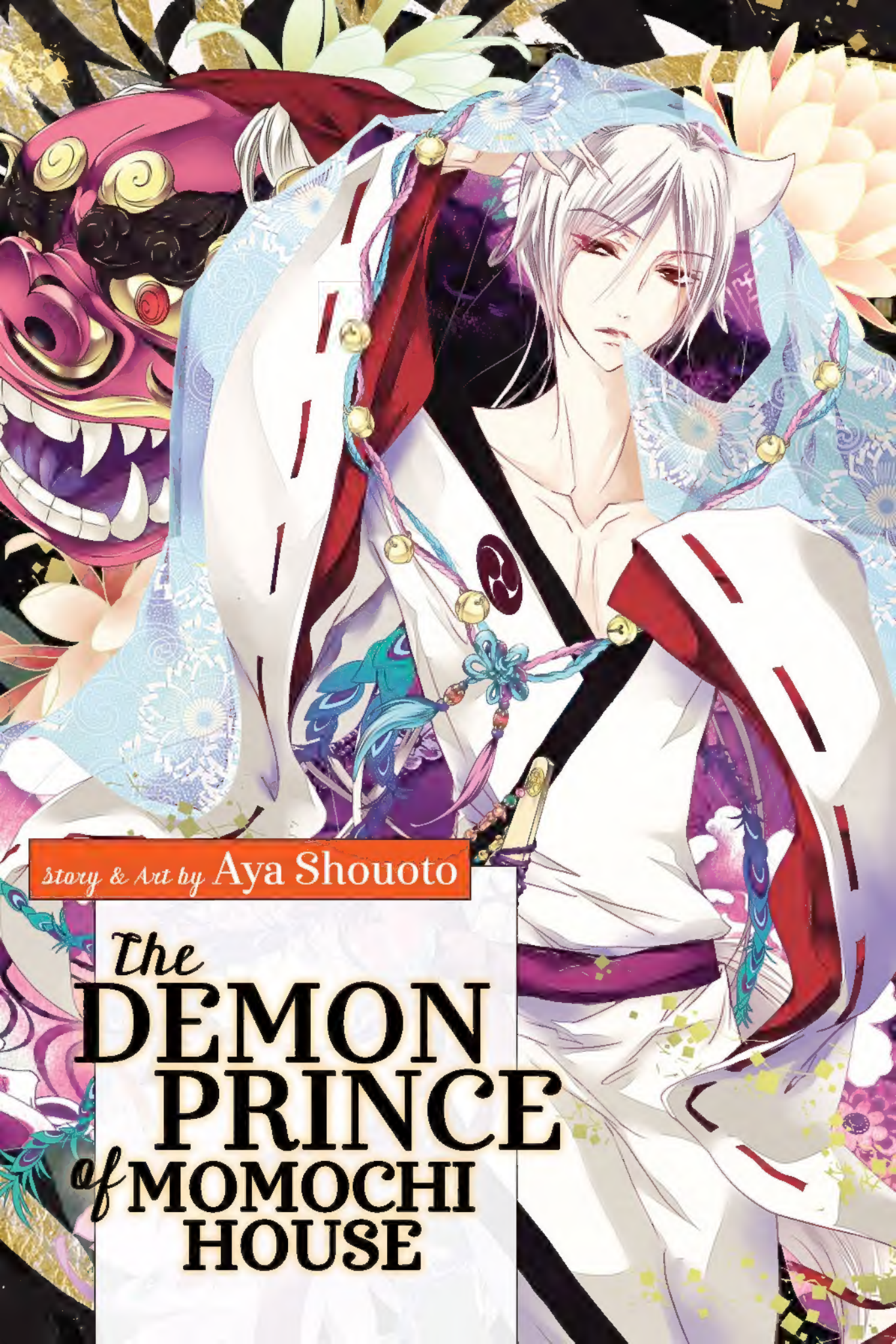

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The Mysterious Residents of Momochi House

Aoi Nanamori

When he was 7 years old, he wandered into Momochi House and was chosen as the Omamori-sama. He transforms into a nue to perform his duties, but it seems this role was meant for Himari.

Omamori-sama (Nue)

An ayakashi, or demon, with the ears of a cat, the wings of a bird, and the tail of a fox. As the Omamori-sama, the nue protects Momochi House and eliminates demons who make their way in from the spiritual realm.

Ise

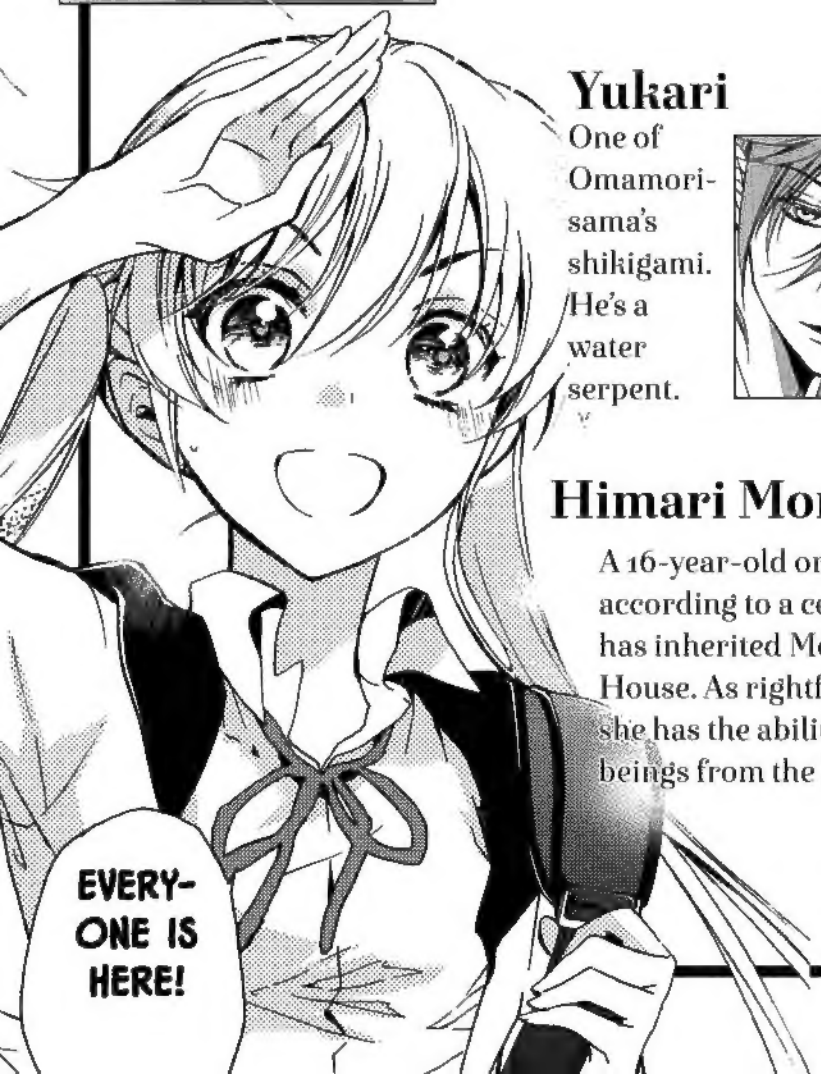
One of Omamori-sama's shikigami. He's an orangutan.

Yukari

One of Omamori-sama's shikigami. He's a water serpent.

Himari Momochi

A 16-year-old orphan who, according to a certain will, has inherited Momochi House. As rightful owner, she has the ability to expel beings from the house.



Lesser Yokai

Momochi House: Story Thus Far

Himari has become accustomed to living in Momochi House and starts attending school. On her first day, she makes four friends who invite themselves over, curious to see the rumored haunted house. After meeting them, Aoi declares that one of her friends is already dead. This spirit was able to enter Momochi House because Himari—the landlady—allowed it. Her friend is absorbing Momochi House's energy and quickly transforming into a demon. Until Himari figures out who the dead person is, her other friends are in danger. But now another friend, Iizuka, has had her soul removed...

AIKA TORII
I STARTED ATTENDING SCHOOL.
UNEXPECTEDLY, FOUR NEW FRIENDS FROM SCHOOL SHOWED UP AT MOMOCHI HOUSE TO CONFIRM WHETHER THE RUMORS ABOUT THIS PLACE ARE TRUE.
BUT ACCORDING TO AOI...
TADASHI SENOO
RUI MADARAME
...ONE OF THEM IS ALREADY DEAD.
HANA IIZUKA

MY FRIENDS ARE IN DANGER. I HAVE TO FIND OUT WHO THE DEAD PERSON IS SOON.
KLAK
BUT IIZUKA WAS ATTACKED BEFORE I COULD FIND ANY CLUES.
HER SOUL HAS BEEN REMOVED...
DID THE SPIRIT DO THIS?
IT SEEMS SO.

I HAVE TO DO SOME-THING QUICKLY BEFORE ANYONE ELSE GETS HURT!
...
KLAK
BUT IT'S BEST TO KEEP THIS FROM EVERYONE ELSE FOR NOW.
HUH? WHERE'S IIZUKA?
SOMETHING URGENT CAME UP. SHE WENT HOME.

VEEN
VEEN
LET'S GO GET IT FROM ISEKO'S ROOM...
COME TO THINK OF IT, I TIED MY HANDKERCHIEF ON ONE OF THOSE STUFFED ANIMALS BEFORE IT WAS TAKEN AWAY.
HUH? OH...
TMP
KRRK
ME TOO! I WANT TO TAKE A PEEK IN THE OTHER ROOMS!
I-I'D LIKE TO SEE A LITTLE MORE OF THE HOUSE!
REALLY? PERHAPS WE SHOULD GET GOING TOO...
WITHOUT KNOWING WHO IS DEAD, I CAN'T LET THEM GO OFF ON THEIR OWN.
THEN... LET'S ALL GO TOGETHER!
BUT WHAT NOW?

EVERYONE...
WHAT IF I MAKE THEM STAND IN FRONT OF THE MIRROR...?
...FOLLOW ME...
I SENSED SOMETHING STRANGE ABOUT IIZUKA'S REFLECTION...
THAT'S RIGHT. THE MIRROR...

WE'RE ALMOST BY THE MIRROR...
OH, I GET IT...
HUH?
I-I'LL WAIT HERE. GO ON WITHOUT ME.
HAT
BLUSH
I-I CAN'T ENTER A LADY'S ROOM!
THAT'S HIS REASON?!
YOU'RE EMBARRASSED TO GO INTO ISEKO'S ROOM.
BLUSH
SHK SHK
...SEE MY BASHFUL RED FACE!
AAAH! I CAN'T LET SOMEONE SO BEAUTIFUL...
COME ON. THIS IS YOUR CHANCE TO GET CLOSER TO ISEKO!

THIS IS ABOUT ISEKO?
I DON'T HAVE TIME FOR THIS...
A MAIDEN ?!
HE HAS THE HEART OF A MAIDEN. I KNOW JUST HOW HE FEELS.
HEE HEE

SORRY FOR BARGING IN ON YOU TODAY, HIMARI.
BUT I'M HAPPY THAT COMING HERE BROUGHT US CLOSER.

I...
I DIDN'T THINK I'D MAKE ANY FRIENDS ON MY FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL.
OH... I FEEL THE SAME WAY.

I'M GLAD I MUSTERED THE COURAGE TO TAKE THE INITIATIVE.

I SEE.
...SO I'VE NEVER HAD FRIENDS...
...HAVEN'T BEEN ABLE TO GO TO SCHOOL FOR A WHILE...

KLAK
A CERTAIN SOMEONE?
I HAVE A CERTAIN SOMEONE TO THANK FOR TEACHING ME THAT.
SHFF
WHAT...?
JOLT
SOMEONE ELSE...
TMP TMP TMP
WAIT UP, YOU TWO!
WAS THAT AOI AND THE OTHERS?
NO...

...IS THERE.
TREMBL

WHAT WAS THAT PRESENCE I FELT?
OH
ARE WE GOING THE RIGHT WAY, MOMOCHI?
HUH? UM, YES.
AH...
HEY, TORII...
WHO WAS THAT PERSON YOU WERE TALKING ABOUT?
HUH?

WHO'S TORII?

SHE... HAS NO REFLEC-TION.
TORII...

...SEE HER.
THEY CAN'T...
HA HA
I'M MADARAME, AND THIS IS SENOO.
THERE'S NO TORII HERE.
TORII...
...IS THE ONE WHO'S DEAD.
HIMARI!
AH

AOI!
TORII IS THE DEAD PERSON...
POINT AT IT!

I'M GLAD I MUSTERED THE COURAGE TO TAKE THE INITIATIVE.
I HAVE A CERTAIN SOMEONE TO THANK FOR TEACHING ME THAT.
BUT...
BUT...
SWIP
COMMAND THE DEAD PERSON TO GET OUT OF THE HOUSE!
THIS ISN'T RIGHT!
NO...
...
HURRY!

HIMARI?!
YOU GET OUT!!
HUH?
KLAK

IIZUKA...?
...
WHAT IS THAT POWER? IT'S NOT THAT OF AN AYAKASHI.
WHAT WAS THAT SPELL...
...YOU USED ON ME?!
!!

VOL 05
GRAB
THESE BLACK FLAMES...
W-WHAT?
FAINT
SENOO!

KASHA.

I CAME HERE TO HAVE SOME FUN...
...AND YOU THROW ME OUT WITH SOME STRANGE POWER.
WHO IS THAT GIRL? YOUR NEW SHIKIGAMI?
AOI?!
I SHOULD HAVE KNOWN YOU WERE INVOLVED IN THIS.
I THOUGHT THE AYAKASHI WERE TOO QUIET...
SWISH
...YOU'LL REGRET IT.
HIMARI ISN'T A SHIKIGAMI. IF YOU LAY A HAND ON HER...
NOW I'M EVEN MORE TEMPTED...
OH?

FWOOSH
YUKARI, ISE— PROTECT HIMARI!
AOI!
YES!
SHF
HURRY UP AND BECOME THE NUE.
YOU DON'T HAVE TO TELL ME.

SOOF

TORII?!

...SO YOU CAN MAKE YOUR WISH COME TRUE?

NOW, GIRL...

DIDN'T YOU WANT TO BECOME A POWERFUL AYAKASHI...

THISH

SSSH

SOF
TORII?!
THISH
...SO YOU CAN MAKE YOUR WISH COME TRUE?
NOW, GIRL... DIDN'T YOU WANT TO BECOME A POWERFUL AYAKASHI...
VISH

DEVOUR THE OMAMORI-SAMA WHO STANDS BEFORE YOU.
IF I BECOME POWER-FUL...
...EVERY-ONE WILL NOTICE ME...
WISH
...AND I'LL HAVE FRIENDS...

YOU'LL BE SHAT-TERED TO PIECES...
...BUT I'LL BANISH YOU BEFORE YOU BECOME HIS PUPPET.

DON'T WORRY. I CAN SEE YOU!

IT WILL BE ALL RIGHT.
...
GLOW
I'M LONELY.
I WANT FRIENDS...
...

I'M LONELY.
SOME-ONE...
...BE MY FRIEND.
!!
NO ONE CAN SEE YOU IF YOU'RE DEAD.
IF YOU ENTER MOMOCHI HOUSE AND BECOME A POWERFUL AYAKASHI, PEOPLE WILL BE ABLE TO SEE YOU...
...AND THEY'LL BECOME YOUR FRIENDS...
LOOK.
THAT GIRL HAS THE SCENT OF MOMOCHI...
GET HER TO LEAD YOU THERE.
I JUST WANTED...
...TO BE FRIENDS WITH SOME-ONE...
... THAT'S ALL...
YEAH.
I KNOW...

BUT WE'RE ALREADY FRIENDS, AREN'T WE? FRIENDS!
DON'T SAY THERE ISN'T ANYONE...
SKWEEZ
THANK YOU...

I GUESS A FRAIL LITTLE GHOST CAN HARDLY PROVIDE MUCH ENTERTAINMENT.
YOU JERK!
YOU HAVE A PROBLEM WITH THAT, YOU GNAT?
I TOLD YOU NOT TO TOUCH HER.
...
NUE... COULD IT BE THAT YOU-
STOP WASTING OUR TIME, KASHA.

HMPH!
FINE.
NEXT TIME I'LL PREPARE SOMETHING MORE FUN.
I'LL BE BACK...
...MY FRIEND.
VISH
OKAY, NUE?
...
DON'T EVER COME BACK!

HIMARI.
WHAT'S HIS PROB-LEM?!
HE CALLS THE NUE HIS FRIEND?
SUFF
HE'S WAY BEYOND ANY OTHER AYAKASHI YOU'VE SEEN.
FORGET ABOUT HIM.
?!
BUT...
I'M SORRY FOR GETTING YOU INVOLVED.

THAT'S RIGHT. I ALMOST FORGOT!
URGHH...
OH
SHOVE
YOU DON'T NEED TO...
...APOLOGIZE FOR THAT.

S-SORRY ABOUT THAT. THAT WAS, UM...
WHAT HAPPENED TO ME? SOME KIND OF BLACK SHADOW CAME OUT, THEN...

PHOO
BUT I DON'T THINK THAT MATTERS ANYMORE.
MOMOCHI HOUSE IS COMPLETELY ORDINARY. THERE IS NO CURSE.
SINCE WE'VE FIGURED THAT OUT, WE SHOULD GET GOING.

IT'S A STRETCH! IT'S REALLY A STRETCH...
MY CHIMNEY IS MALFUNCTIONING!
SUMP
I FEEL LIGHT-HEADED TOO FROM BREATHING IN THE SOOT.
BUT I'M PRETTY SURE... THERE WAS SOMEONE ELSE...
Urgh...
VUP

I DIDN'T SEE OR HEAR ANYTHING.
Hmm. That's odd.
UM...
MADARAME...
SH-SHE KNEW!
THERE ARE ALL SORTS OF PEOPLE IN THE WORLD...
AND I'M SURE YOUR FAMILY HAS SOME IMPORTANT REASON FOR PLAYING DRESS-UP.
WELL, I HAVE NO PROBLEM WITH THAT, HIMARI!
SEE YOU TOMOR-ROW.

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The Crimson Flames Burning in Darkness

CHAPTER 9

SHHH...
PWOP
ZOOP
DON'T TELL HIMARI I'M HERE.
OH MY! WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE, AOI?
AAH!

He sold me out for snacks
I FOUND YOU, AOI!
POING
OH, THERE YOU ARE, HIMARI. WELCOME BACK.
DID YOU LIKE THE LUNCH YUKARI PACKED?
"OH, THERE YOU ARE," MY FOOT.
I THOUGHT IT WAS STRANGE WHEN I DIDN'T SEE YOU AFTER I GOT HOME FROM SCHOOL. AND NOW I FIND YOU HIDING HERE.
TODAY YOU'RE GOING TO TELL ME...
...ABOUT KASHA.

FORGET ABOUT HIM.
ANSWER MY QUESTION!
YOU TOLD ME I COULD ASK YOU ANYTHING.
He might put a curse on me.
SWIP
I TOLD YOU, I DON'T LIKE TALKING ABOUT HIM BECAUSE HE'S SCARY.
STOP THAT!
SUF
WILL YOU GIVE ME A REWARD IF I TELL YOU?
BLUSH
A-AOI!

POOF
OUTRAGEOUS!
EEK!
YOU'RE FLIRTING IN FRONT OF MY HOME! I'LL PUT A CURSE ON YOU! I'LL DEFINITELY PUT A CURSE ON YOU!
NO, WE WEREN'T FLIRTING OR ANYTHING...
RIGHT, AOI?
HE'S GONE!
HE RAN AWAY!
...
WHAT IS THIS?
HEY, YOU! ARE YOU LISTENING? YOU ACT BRAZENLY FOR A NEWCOMER!
AH, ENOUGH!
HM?

Are you calling me a scribble?!
NO, I WAS JUST WONDERING ABOUT THIS SCRIBBLE...
YUKARI.
IS THERE SOMETHING WRONG WITH THE FOLDING SCREEN, HIMARI?
Yukari!
A SCRIBBLE? THAT'S NOT A VERY NICE THING TO SAY ABOUT THAT FOLDING SCREEN.
ANY-WAY...

...AOI HAS AN UNUSUAL AVERSION TOWARDS HIM.

ALL I CAN SAY IS THAT...
IT'S NO USE TRYING TO GET AOI TO TALK ABOUT KASHA.

I WANT TO KNOW WHY.
...
ASK ISE ABOUT HIM.
?!
ISE?!
ISE, THE ORANGUTAN AYAKASHI...
...IS A FIRE-TYPE LIKE KASHA.
HE MIGHT BE ABLE TO TELL YOU SOMETHING.
THE ORANG-UTAN AYAKASHI ?
ITS BODY...
...BURNS WITH CRIMSON FIRE, AND ITS ROAR CAN BE HEARD FAR AND WIDE.
IT IS A HIGH-RANKING LEGENDARY DEMON.
NOW THEN...

HUH?
WHY DO I HAVE TO TELL YOU ABOUT KASHA?
URK
YUKARI SAID YOU WERE THE SAME FIRE-TYPE AYAKASHI LIKE KASHA-
HUH?!
SAME FIRE-TYPE?! OUR FLAMES ARE DIFFERENT COLORS!
"BOSS," HUH?
I REFUSE TO BE ASSOCIATED WITH THE BOSS OF THE MOUNTAIN AND HIS WEIRD FLAMES.
HIS FLAMES ARE BLACK.
THEY'RE FLAMES OF DARKNESS. THEY ENGULF EVERYTHING.
DOES THAT MEAN HE'S STRONGER THAN YOU?
JOLT

MY...
... FLAMES ...
...ARE THE FIRES OF HELL! THEY BURN EVERYTHING TO ASH!
DON'T UNDERES-TIMATE ME, HUMAN!
YOU'RE STRONGER THAN HIM, HUH?
Hmm
POI
THEN THERE'S SOMETHING I WANT YOU TO MAKE DISAPPEAR.
HUH?!
I...

I CUT ALL TIES TO OTHER AYAKASHI...
...WHEN I BECAME AOI'S SHIKIGAMI.
I DON'T WANT TO GET INVOLVED WITH KASHA NOW.
ISE?
THE WORLD OF DEMONS IS RATHER HARSH.
AYAKASHI OF NOBLE BLOOD AND OLD DEMONS WHO HAVE LIVED LONG ARE INCREDIBLY POWERFUL.
MNCH MNCH

SHK
SHK
W-WE ARE YOKAI OF MOMOCHI HOUSE!
AOI IS MASTER OF MOMOCHI HOUSE, AND HIS POWER IS ABSOLUTE.
I'M... NOT AFRAID OF L-LORD KASHA... NOPE
ACTING TOUGH, HUH?
HE'S "LORD KASHA," HUH?
WE LESSER YOKAI TREMBLE JUST SPEAKING HIS NAME.
LORD KASHA IS UNRIVALED IN BOTH THESE QUALITIES.
HMM... I WONDER IF THAT'S WHY ISE WAS ACTING STRANGE.
WE CAN'T STAND UP TO HIM.
MWH MWH
BUT THERE IS A DEMON HIERARCHY...
WE ARE NOT AFRAID!
THIS IS PATHETIC.
WHY WOULD SUCH A POWERFUL AYAKASHI RESORT TO SUCH A CHILDISH PRANK...?

KKSSH
THE AYAKASHI ARE BECOMING RESTLESS BEHIND THE SEALED DOORS...
...HE SHOULD HAVE BURNED ALL THE SEALS AT ONCE.
IF HE REALLY WANTED TO LET SOME AYAKASHI LOOSE...
ALL HE'S DOING IS DESTROYING THE SEALS YOU PLACED.
EVEN SO, THIS IS A LAME WAY TO ANNOY US.
IS IT BECAUSE ...
...WE INVITED HIM INTO MOMOCHI HOUSE?

WHAT IS HE TRYING TO DO?
KLAK
THE SEAL ON THIS HALL SEEMS TO BE OKAY.
OUR ONLY OPTION IS TO INSPECT EACH SEAL ONE BY ONE.
BUT WE DON'T KNOW WHICH SEAL WILL COME OFF, SO IT'S STILL A BIT DANGEROUS.

AOI!
HIMARI?!
GRAB
I FINALLY FOUND YOU.

FWAK
YOU FOUND ME?
I NEVER EXPECTED YOU TO COME HERE...
I PUT UP SHIMENAWA.
*Rope to ward off evil spirits
I'M A LITTLE BUSY RIGHT NOW.
THE SHIMENAWA LED ME TO YOU!
THEY FORM A BARRIER.
YOU'RE NOT SUPPOSED TO CROSS THEM.

YOU'LL BE EASY PREY IF YOU COME HERE—LIKE A SITTING DUCK WITH ITS OWN LEEK FOR DUCK SOUP!
YOU'RE HUMAN TOO, AOI.
THEN ARE YOU A SITTING DUCK...
...WHO FIGHTS DEMONS WITH A LEEK?

YOU'RE SO STUBBORN, HIMARI.
BECAUSE ...
...YOU NEED TO TELL ME ABOUT KASHA.
SHUT UP!

STOP SAYING THAT NAME!
HIMARI ...
WHY WON'T YOU STOP TALKING ABOUT KASHA?
I HOPE YOU HAVEN'T BEEN HYPNOTIZED AGAIN.
NO, THAT'S NOT IT.

BUT HIS MARKS ARE ALL OVER THE PLACE. DOESN'T IT ANNOY YOU TOO?

I TRIED TO ERASE THEM, BUT THEY WON'T DISAPPEAR. I DON'T THINK THEY'RE ORDINARY SCRIBBLES.
MARKS?
DO YOU SEE SOMETHING, HIMARI?
HUH?
DON'T YOU SEE...

KLAK
LOOK, THEY'RE ALL DOWN HERE TOO.
...THAT ARE DRAWN ALL OVER THE HOUSE?
...THOSE THINGS THAT LOOK LIKE BLACK WHEELS...
FOOM
KLAK
KLAK
LOOK OUT, HIMARI!

GRRRRRR
HE PLANNED ALL THIS, DIDN'T HE?
KASHA!
GOZU...

YOUR NONSENSE IN MY HOUSE STOPS NOW!
GLOW

I'VE GOT YOU NOW, NUE!

AOI!
DON'T COME ANY CLOSER!
THUD
KRK
KRK
A TRAP?!
AOI!

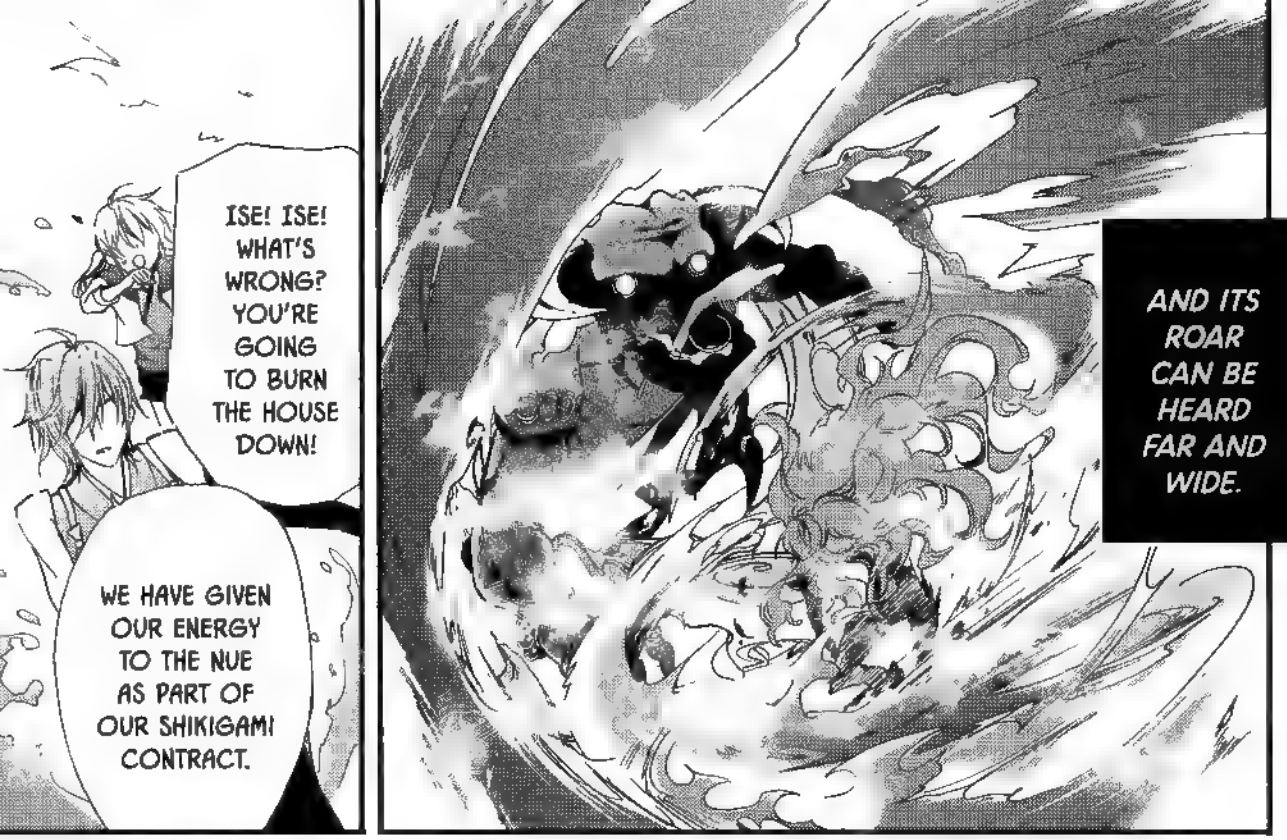
OH...
I HAD NO CHOICE BUT TO FIGHT FOR THE NUE?!
SIS

FWOOM
WHAT THE HELL IS KASHA DOING TO AOI?
KASHA'S FLAMES OF DARKNESS ABSORB AYAKASHI ENERGY
IF WE GET NEAR IT OUR POWER WILL SIMPLY FAN THE FLAMES
!SE

AOI!
THEN WHAT DO YOU SUG-GEST?
AOI WILL BE SWALLOWED UP!

GWARR HHM
I WON'T LET KASHA GET AWAY WITH THIS!
YUKARI! BEHIND YOU!
NO.
WHY DID I BECOME A SHIKIGAMI?
WAS IT TO GIVE IN TO SOMETHING LIKE THIS?
LOOK OUT, ISE! RIGHT NOW-

ISE?!
IS THAT WHAT THE ORANG-UTAN LOOKS LIKE?!
NO
YOU MUSTN'T
HE'S GOING BERSERK.
ITS BODY...
...BURNS WITH CRIMSON FIRE...


ISE! ISE! WHAT'S WRONG? YOU'RE GOING TO BURN THE HOUSE DOWN!
WE HAVE GIVEN OUR ENERGY TO THE NUE AS PART OF OUR SHIKIGAMI CONTRACT.
AND ITS ROAR CAN BE HEARD FAR AND WIDE.

NOW THAT THE NUE IS POWER-LESS...
ISE WILL BURN HIMSELF WITH HIS OWN FLAMES.
OUR BOND AS SHIKIGAMI HAS BEEN SEVERED.
WHAT A SAD HOWL...
THAT'S NOT BECAUSE HIS BODY IS BURN-ING.
IT'S THE SOUND OF HIS HEART ACHING...

...NUE.
...
NICE GOING. I NEVER EXPECTED YOU TO FALL FOR THIS TRAP...
YOU DIDN'T SEE THE CRESTS I PLANTED, DID YOU?
IT'S PROOF THAT...
...YOU'RE ALREADY MORE AYAKASHI THAN HUMAN.

AOI!
SHALL WE ENTER IT TOGETHER?
WELCOME TO THE BEAUTIFUL WORLD OF DARKNESS FILLED WITH PAIN AND PLEASURE.

GRAB
COME BACK.
SNAP OUT OF IT!
YOUR SHIKIGAMI IS CALLING TO YOU!
CAN'T YOU HEAR HIM?
ISE...
...IS HOWLING...

THIS WAY!
ISE!
OVER HERE!
GRIP
...THE BOND OF A SHIKIGAMI...
OVER HERE.
ZISH
I WON'T LET...
...BE SEVERED.
ISE, USE YOUR FLAMES.
DON'T BURN...
SHINE LIGHT!
GET RID OF THESE FLAMES OF DARKNESS!

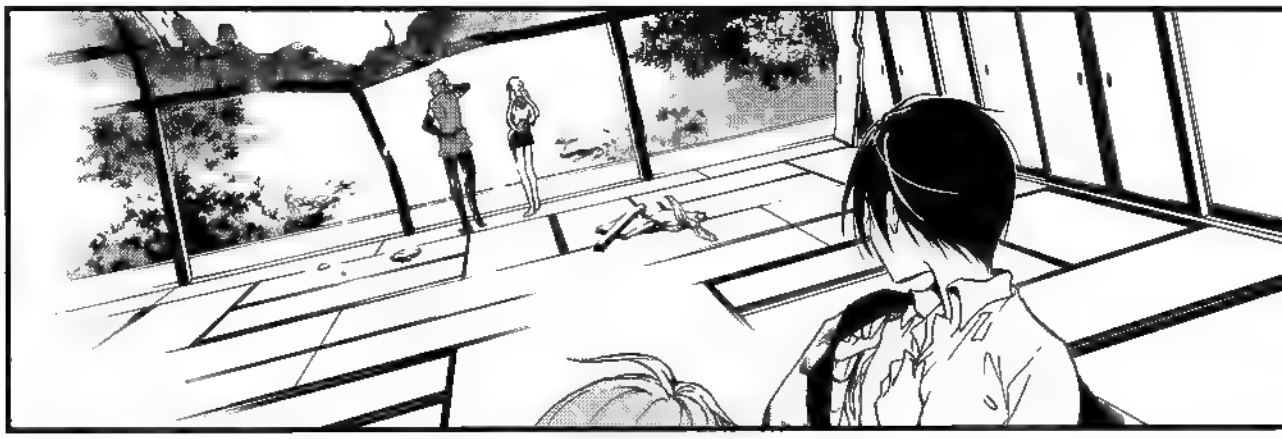
HIMARI...
I'M OVER HERE, AOI...
?!
FLASH

THOU
NOW THEN, ISE...
BURN HIM TO ASHES WITH REAL FLAMES!

AOOOOO-!

AHH...
MY HOUSE...
WE CAN FIX IT.
SHUT UP.
...WE CAN FINALLY CLAIM VICTORY OVER KASHA, HUH.
ONCE WE GET THAT DONE...
YOU'RE RIGHT.

SHUT UP...



WHO KNEW HIMARI COULD SEE THOSE HIDDEN CRESTS?
IF ONLY...
...WE HAD TAKEN HER SERIOUSLY SOONER...

SHE POSSESSES QUALITIES I DON'T HAVE.
SHE MAY BE...
...THE MOST IMPORTANT LIGHT THAT SHINES IN MOMOCHI HOUSE.
YOU'RE RIGHT.
WE STILL HAVE THE WRONG IDEA ABOUT HER.
WE NEED TO CHANGE THAT.
IT WASN'T JUST THE RUNES.
SHE'S NOT RESTRICTED BY ANYTHING, SO IT ALLOWS HER TO SHOW US WHAT'S IMPORTANT.

DOES IT BOTHER YOU THAT...
...YOU COULDN'T SEE THOSE CRESTS?
HE PROBABLY MADE IT SO THAT YOU COULDN'T SEE THEM-
NO... IT WAS A TRAP TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF MY WEAKNESS.
IT'S PROOF THAT...
...YOU'RE ALREADY MORE AYAKASHI THAN HUMAN.
HE ALWAYS TARGETS THE THINGS I DON'T LIKE.
BEFORE...

...IT WOULD NEVER UNSETTLE ME LIKE THIS...

HUG
TMP
AH!
WHAT'S THIS ABOUT, AOI?

WITHOUT REALIZING IT, I MADE A WISH...

TO BE WITH YOU.

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HIMARI, ARE YOU FREE TODAY?
I'M TIDYING THINGS UP. OR RATHER, I'M HAVING A LOOK AROUND THE HOUSE.
I-I'm not just messing around...
OH, SORRY. I JUST WANTED TO KNOW IF YOU WERE OFF SCHOOL TODAY.
YEAH, I AM...
But I'm still pretty busy.
HMM...
SHALL WE GO OUT FOR A BIT?
HUH?
I THOUGHT AOI COULDN'T LEAVE MOMOCHI HOUSE.
GO OUT?
CHAPTER 10

THIS...

...IS SO CUTE! I'VE ALWAYS WANTED TO WEAR CLOTHES LIKE THIS!

WE HAD THEM IN THE HOUSE. THEY FIT YOU PERFECTLY.

SHE'S NOT A HORSE, ISE.

IT'S LIKE DRESSING UP A HORSE.

I'LL LEAVE THE REST TO YOU, YUKARI.

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SHE'S NOT A HORSE, ISE.

WHAT IS THIS?
YOU MUSTN'T REMOVE IT.
POW
HEY!
THERE YOU GO, HIMARI.
!
YOUR LOOK IS NOW COMPLETE.
?
AND YOU MUSTN'T LEAVE THE NUE'S SIDE.
NOW...
...SHALL WE GET GOING? IT'S NOT VERY FAR.

THANKS...
THIS FEELS...
THAT THING ON YOUR HEAD IS VERY CUTE.
...KIND OF LIKE A DATE...
...OR SOMETHING.
WE'RE STILL IN THE HOUSE THOUGH!
KLAK
HERE. THIS IS OUR DESTINATION.
WHERE ARE WE GOING, AOI?
HEH
YOU MUSTN'T COME HERE BY YOURSELF.
HUH? THIS IS PROBABLY THE FIRST TIME I'VE COME THIS FAR IN...

THERE ARE SO MANY AYAKASHI...

IT'S AMAZING. I HAD NO IDEA MOMOCHI HOUSE HAD SUCH A PLACE.

A COURT-YARD?

WOW...

WOW...

A COURT-YARD?
IT'S AMAZING. I HAD NO IDEA MOMOCHI HOUSE HAD SUCH A PLACE.
THERE ARE SO MANY AYAKASHI...

AOI, THAT FORM...
CALL ME NUE.
THIS AREA OF MOMOCHI HOUSE IS CLOSEST TO THE SPIRITUAL REALM, THE PLACE WHERE AYAKASHI DWELL.
IT'S MORE NATURAL FOR YOU TO CALL ME NUE HERE.

LET'S GO.
OOH
OH, NUE.
CONGRATULATIONS!
YOU'RE LOOKING WELL.
NUE...
CONGRATULATIONS.
CONGRATULATIONS ON THIS OCCASION.
IS THERE SOME KIND OF CELEBRATION TODAY?
THERE WILL BE A CEREMONY.
BUT BEFORE THAT, WE WILL BE ATTENDING A BANQUET.
DON'T WORRY ABOUT FOLLOWING THE CONVENTIONS. JUST HAVE FUN.

PLEASE HAVE A SEAT.
I'M NOT READY TO GET MARRIED!!
A CER-EMONY...
...AND A BANQUET...
COULD IT BE?
B-BUMP
B-BUMP
B-BUMP
THIS...

GLOOM
MY NEW SHIKIGAMI. DON'T MIND HER.
NUE, WHO IS THAT WITH YOU?
YOU MUSTN'T REMOVE IT.
SO THAT'S WHY HE MADE ME WEAR THIS THING ON MY HEAD...
Why do I feel disappointed?

WAIT.
Chow time!
HALT
SINCE I CAME ALL THE WAY HERE, I'M GOING TO HAVE SOMETHING TO EAT!
IN THAT CASE, I WON'T HOLD BACK!

IT MIGHT BE MADE OF MUD.
HEH
YOU SHOULDN'T EAT THE FOOD SERVED TO AYAKASHI.
IT'S NOT LIKE WHAT YUKARI PREPARES.
NO WAY...
THEN...
...WHY DID YOU BRING ME HERE, AOI-I MEAN, NUE?
SUFF

ARE YOU DIS-PLEASED?
SHFF
THIS IS BAD.
HIS TOUCH...IS DIFFERENT FROM AOI'S...

I CAN'T MOVE...
IS THERE A PROB-LEM?
I THOUGHT IT WOULD BE A GOOD IDEA TO SHOW YOU AYAKASHI IN THEIR NATURAL ENVIRONMENT.
...
HOW WONDERFUL!
HOW WONDER-FUL!

NUE SURE IS LUCKY!
...
THEY CERTAINLY AREN'T...
...THE FRIGHTENING DEMONS HUMANS THINK THEY ARE.
AND THEY AREN'T LIKE THE AYAKASHI WHO CAUSE TROUBLE IN MOMOCHI HOUSE.
I HAD NO IDEA THEY HAD SUCH A LIVELY AND FUN SIDE.
OKAY THEN...
VUp
IF I CAN'T EAT OR DRINK ANYTHING...
...I'LL JOIN IN THE DANCE!
?!

Teach me how to do that!
HEH
HEH HEH... THIS BRINGS BACK MEMO-RIES.
AT THE ORPHANAGE, I WAS KNOWN AS THE FESTIVAL DANCE QUEEN...

DID YOU SEE ME?
TMP
NUE!
THERE...
FWIK

OH
IT'S COMING UNDONE.
AH! YOU SHOULD HAVE TOLD ME SOONER!
OH MY... THINGS SURE ARE LIVELY HERE.
ARE YOU ENJOYING YOURSELF TONIGHT, NUE?

THE YEARS HAVE PASSED...
...AND THIS DAY HAS COME AGAIN...
FELICITA-TIONS.
HM? IS TODAY NUE'S BIRTHDAY OR SOME-THING?
OH, IT THIS YOUR NEW SHIKIGAMI?
OUR CURRENT NUE SEEMS VERY POWERFUL.
I'M SURE THE CEREMONY WILL GO WITHOUT INCIDENT SINCE THIS IS THE SECOND TIME YOU'RE PERFORMING IT.
YOU NEVER CHANGE, DO YOU, GUARDIAN?

I GUESS IT REALLY IS SOME KIND OF BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION.
SHOW OFF YOUR DANCING AND SINGING.
I SUGGEST YOU HAVE A LITTLE MORE TO DRINK.
THE BANQUET IS NOW IN FULL SWING.
KLAP
KLAP
I RECEIVED MOMOCHI HOUSE ON MY BIRTHDAY.
AT FIRST I WASN'T SURE WHAT TO DO.
AND I'M STILL NOT SURE WHAT MANY OF MY DUTIES ARE AS LAND-LADY.
VEEN
IN THAT CASE, I'D LIKE TO GET HIM SOMETHING BEFORE THIS BANQUET IS OVER.
I'M SURE IT WOULD BE FINE TO LEAVE FOR A MOMENT.
ALL THE AYAKASHI ARE ENJOYING THEM-SELVES.
AND YOU MUSTN'T LEAVE THE NUE'S SIDE.

BUT THIS HOUSE...
THAT'S WHY I WANT TO CHERISH HIS BIRTHDAY TOO.
...HAS GIVEN ME MANY NEW EXPERIENCES.

WHOA!
WHAT, ARE YOU JEALOUS OF MY BEAUTY?!
FWOP

HMM... PERHAPS I SHOULDN'T PLUCK THEM.
BUT THIS IS STILL A PART OF MOMOCHI HOUSE...
PONDER

OH...
I COULD GIVE HIM A FLOWER.

SHE'S LIKE A TOY...
BEAUTY IS SUCH A SIN...
YOU'RE AN AYAKASHI TOO. HOW ODD OF YOU TO APOLOGIZE.
I WON'T PLUCK YOU.
I DIDN'T KNOW YOU WERE AN AYAKASHI.
OH, I'M SORRY.

HIMARI HAS A SPECIAL DISPOSITION THAT AGITATES AYAKASHI...
B-BMP
HUH?
BUT YOU HAVE A VERY PLEASANT SMELL.

HUH?! WHAT?!
BLUSH
HUH ?!
I CAN TELL... FLOWERS ALWAYS WANT TO BE GIVEN TO THE OBJECT OF ONE'S AFFECTIONS.
TWST
MIGHT THAT BE THE SMELL OF LOVE?

I'M AN AYAKASHI WHO'S ALWAYS AN ALLY OF A GIRL IN LOVE! ♡
THESE HERE ARE REGULAR FLOWERS, SO GO RIGHT AHEAD AND PICK THEM.
THANK YOU!
Careful, now. Careful!
I'M GOING BACK TO THE BAN-QUET.
TMP
I HAVE SOME-THING TO GIVE HIM.

HUH?!
ARE THESE BLACK SHIMENAWA?
THEY REMIND ME OF KAGHA'S TRAP
THE BANQUET AREA IS ROPED OFF
IS IT TO KEEP SOMETHING FROM ESCAPING?
HIMARI.

IS THE PARTY BORING YOU?

NUE! I THINK THERE IS SOMETHING SUSPICIOUS ABOUT THIS PARTY.
IT MIGHT BE A TRAP LIKE THE ONE KASHA SET UP–
SUSPI-CIOUS?
YOU SEEM TO BE UNDER THE WRONG IMPRESSION.
WE ARE WITHIN THE PREMISES OF MOMOCHI HOUSE...
...AND THIS IS AN AYAKASHI PARTY.

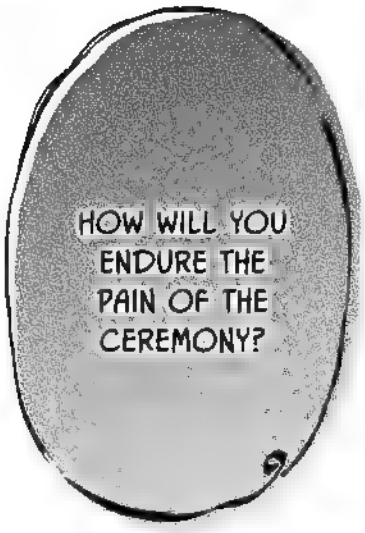
NUE, IT'S TIME.

YUKARI, ISE...
STAND BACK, HIMARI.
PREPARE YOURSELF, NUE.
FWISH

THE MOOD OF THE PARTY HAS CHANGED

IT'S THE ELDERLY MAN FROM EARLIER.
NUE...
...FORGIVE ME FOR SAYING THIS...
...BUT...
NUE, ARE YOU PREPARED FOR THE CEREMONY?
IT LOOKS LIKE YOU HAVEN'T HAD QUITE ENOUGH ALCOHOL.

THAT WON'T BE A PROB-LEM.
IF YOU'RE MOCKING ME ABOUT WHAT HAPPENED LAST TIME...
...I'LL SHOW YOU THAT MY PHYSICAL AND AYAKASHI POWER ARE MUCH IMPROVED.


HOW WILL YOU ENDURE THE PAIN OF THE CEREMONY?

I MEANT NO DISRESPECT.
THE FIRST TIME YOU PERFORMED THE SEALING CEREMONY, YOUR VESSEL WAS THAT OF A BOY, AND YOU SPENT A WHOLE MONTH IN BED AFTERWARD.
I'M MERELY WORRIED ABOUT YOUR CONSTITUTION.
!
WHAT IS THIS AYAKASHI GOING TO MAKE NUE DO?
SHIK

THE SEAL ON CHINUI CAVERN RESTRAINS THE DEMON KNOWN AS SOGA. HIS MALEVOLENT ENERGY IS QUITE POWERFUL.
NO OTHER AYAKASHI ASIDE FROM THE MANY GENERATIONS OF NUE HAVE BEEN ABLE TO PERFORM THE RITUAL TO RESEAL HIM.
ONLY THE NUE, A VOID-TYPE GREAT AYAKASHI, CAN DO IT!
KRIK
KRIK
KREEE
I WISH YOU THE BEST OF LUCK...
...AS YOU PERFORM THIS CEREMONY.

DASH

AOI!

YOU MUSTN'T, HIMARI.

THIS IS AN IMPORTANT DUTY THAT THE OMAMORI-SAMA MUST PERFORM.

WE SHIKIGAMI CANNOT FOLLOW HIM INTO THAT CAVERN.

CHANG

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CHANG
CHANG

DASH
AOI!
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THIS IS AN IMPORTANT DUTY THAT THE OMAMORI-SAMA MUST PERFORM.
WE SHIKIGAMI CANNOT FOLLOW HIM INTO THAT CAVERN.

AS A VOID-TYPE AYAKASHI, HE HAS NO TRUE FORM.

THIS IS A TASK THAT ONLY NUE CAN PERFORM.

IN ORDER TO CALM A MALEVOLENT DEMON AND RETURN IT TO SLEEP...

...HE SIMPLY ALLOWS IT TO POSSESS HIS BODY...

...THEN HE SEALS THE DEMON AWAY.

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AOI!

I MUST STOP HIM.

NO!

DASH

HIMARI!

REMEMBER HOW HE IS REFERRED TO AS THE CURRENT NUE?

NO TRUE FORM? BUT ISN'T THAT AOI?!

THAT'S WHAT HE IS TO THEM.

NO TRUE FORM? BUT ISN'T THAT AOI?!
REMEMBER HOW HE IS REFERRED TO AS THE CURRENT NUE?
THAT'S WHAT HE IS TO THEM.
DASH
HIMARI!

AOI!
I MUST STOP HIM.
NO!

CONGRATULATIONS.

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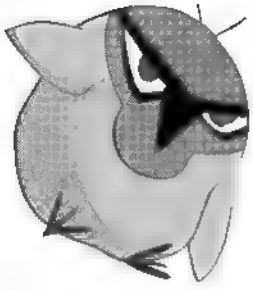
The Nue of Chinui Cavern



CONGRAT-
ULATIONS,
NUE.
CHANG
THE SEAL
ON CHINUI
CAVERN
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CHANG
CHANG
HOW
WON-
DERFUL.
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NO OTHER AYAKASHI ASIDE FROM THE MANY GENERATIONS OF NUE HAVE BEEN ABLE TO PERFORM THE RITUAL TO RESEAL HIM.
I WISH YOU THE BEST OF LUCK AS YOU PERFORM THIS CEREMONY.
KREE
I MUST STOP HIM.

KA-CHAK

AOI!
BAM BAM
AOI!
AOI...!

OUR DUTY IS TO CALMLY WAIT FOR THE NUE TO RETURN.
YOU'RE DRESSED AS A SHIKIGAMI.
STOP THAT.
TUG

DON'T TROUBLE THE NUE WITH YOUR WORRYING.
THEN...
I KNOW IT'S AN IMPORTANT TASK.
BUT...
THIS ISN'T THE SORT OF THING WHERE I CAN WAIT FOR HIM LIKE IT'S NO BIG DEAL.
WHY DID IT RUN ME OVER?

THAT'S WHY...
...I WANT TO STAY BY AOI'S SIDE.
IF HE IS IN PAIN OR FEELS EVEN A LITTLE TROUBLED...
I WANT TO STAY CLOSE TO HIS HEART.
HUH?!
THE FEMALE SHIKIGAMI WILL BE COMING WITH US. WE HAVE A TASK FOR HER.
GRAB
HIMARI!
HIMARI...
SHIKIGAMI.
PLEASE WAIT QUIETLY.
THUD

A TASK FOR A SHIKIGAMI? I NEVER HEARD ANYTHING ABOUT THIS!
EVEN SO, WE CAN'T LET YOU DO THAT! I'LL GO IN HER PLACE.
SHOOM
SILENCE!
SILENCE
SHOOM
SILENCE
IT'S NOT TOO BIG A TASK.
BUT...
...IT'S NECESSARY TO MAKE SURE THE NUE PERFORMS THE SEALING RITE ON SOGA WITHOUT INCIDENT.
I AM THE GUARDIAN OF CHIBUI CAVERN. YOU WILL NEED MY REQUEST.
RHM

I NOTICED THE NUE KEPT YOU BY HIS SIDE AT THE PARTY
SHIKIGAMI ARE NOT ALLOWED TO ENTER THIS PLACE
AMAZING... SO THIS IS WHAT IT'S LIKE INSIDE
WE SHOULD BE ABLE TO USE YOU AS A LAST RESORT AGAINST HIM
WE NEED THIS GIRL...
AM I BEING TAKEN HOSTAGE?!
A LAST RESORT AGAINST THE NUE?
BUT NOW THAT HE'S GROWN MORE POWERFUL HE IS DANGEROUS. WE NEED TO DO THIS TO COMPLETE THE SEAL
AT THE LAST SEALING RITE THE NUE'S VESSEL WAS THAT OF A YOUNG BOY. SO WE DIDN'T HAVE ANY PROBLEMS
MMBL
MMBL
MMBL

CAPTURE HER!
I DON'T WANT TO BE A BURDEN TO AOI!
DASH
HEY... STOP!
OH!
!
WHAT'S THIS SMELL? SHIKIGAMI, YOU...
YOU'RE A HUMAN?!
OH NO!
YOU MUSTN'T REMOVE IT.
HOW INTERESTING. YOU'LL BE EVEN MORE USEFUL.
NUE!

SPLISH
IT'S BEEN A WHILE, YOU PERNICIOUS DEMON WHO TAKES HUMAN FORM...
YOU STILL BEAR ILL WILL, I SEE.

FSSH
NUE...
...ARE YOU READY TO PERFORM THE CEREMONY?
SOGA.
I'M VERY SORRY ABOUT THAT.
I'VE MADE A FEW OTHER PREPARATIONS.
NUE!
...
YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO BE THE GUARDIAN. WHY ARE YOU DELAYING ME?
THIS IS GETTING ANNOY-ING.

NOW THEN...
LET'S BEGIN.
YANK
SOGA, THE EVIL DEMON SEALED AWAY HERE...
...YOU ARE FREED FROM THESE THOUSAND NEEDLES...
KRIK
KRIK
VH
H
H
H

POSSESS NUE'S BODY...
THO
OW

TEN THOU-SAND REASONS TO HATE...
PAIN...
AAH ...!
AAR
HE'S ENTERING
HUF
TEN THOU-SAND GRUDGES ...
...ARE SEEPING INTO MY BODY...
G
H

NUE!
TAKE A LOOK.
SOGA WAS A MAN POSSESSED BY TEN THOUSAND GRUDGES.
THESE GRUDGES DEVOURED HIM, AND NOW HE IS A DEMON WITHOUT FORM.
IS HE... TALKING TO ME?
NUE HAS TAKEN HIM INTO HIS BODY AND IS MOLDING HIM INTO THE FORM OF A PERSON.
THEN NUE WILL SEAL HIM AWAY WITH NEEDLES ONCE AGAIN.
HURRY UP, NUE!
PLACE THE NEEDLES BACK INTO SOGA AND SEAL HIM BEFORE HE GOES BERSERK!
HUFF
NUE...
NUE ...
AH... WHAT A POWERFUL VESSEL.
I FEEL FULL OF POWER.
HOW ABOUT IT, NUE?
DON'T YOU WANT TO MAKE OUR ENERGY YOUR OWN?
YOU COULD DO IT.

NUE IS ACTING STRANGELY!
OH NO
NUE'S POWER HAS GROWN
BUT SOGA HAS SYNCHRONIZED WITH HIS BODY AND IS QUICKLY GAINING POWER TOO
NUE IS UNABLE TO CONTROL HIS LARGER
COME!
?!

HIMARI?
YOU'RE THE LAST RESORT.
WHAT IS THE GUARDIAN PLANNING TO DO?
THP
YOU BASTARD...
WHAT HAVE YOU DONE TO HIMARI?
OH

HUH?!
KR
GSH
WHY DID YOU...
...BRING HIMARI HERE?
TMP
TMP
TMP
NUE?!
WHAT ARE YOU PLAN-NING?
I KNEW THAT GIRL WAS DEAR TO YOU.

KNOW YOUR PLACE, GUARDIAN!
HOW DARE YOU TRY TO USE HER!
URK...
PERHAPS I'LL DESTROY THE SEAL...

STOP IT, AOI!
I'M FINE, SO CUT IT OUT!
THIS ISN'T THE WAY THE NUE USUALLY ACTS...
GRR
I KNEW IT.

I KNEW THAT GIRL'S VOICE...
...WOULD REACH YOUR HEART.
TEAR ME INTO A THOUSAND PIECES...
...IF IT WILL GIVE YOU PEACE OF MIND.
BUT PLEASE...

...CALM YOUR HEART AND REPLACE THE SEAL.
PLEASE SEAL AWAY SOGA!
HOW DARE YOU STOP ME!
NUE!
NUE!
DASH

DO NOT UNDER-ESTIMATE ME.

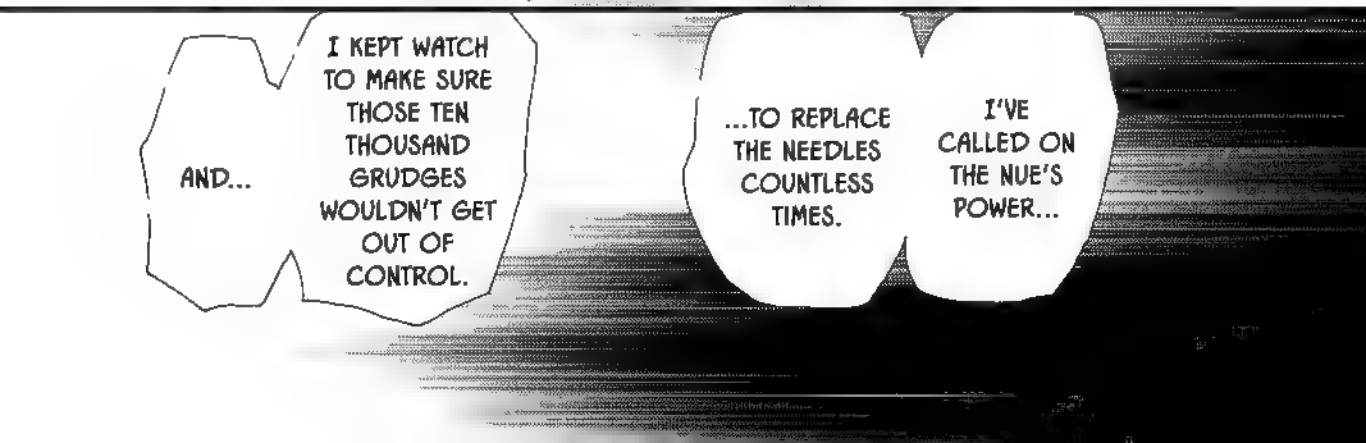
SLASH
KRRK
KRRK
KRRK

KR
E
K
TMP
MY CONGRATU-LATIONS.
BOW

SOGA HAS ONCE AGAIN BEEN SEALED AND PUT TO SLEEP.
THAT MAN...
...AND BURNED DOWN THE ENTIRE CAPITAL.
...TRICKED ME...
HE SAID...
...IT WAS REVENGE FOR DESTROYING HIS CLAN.
THEN ...

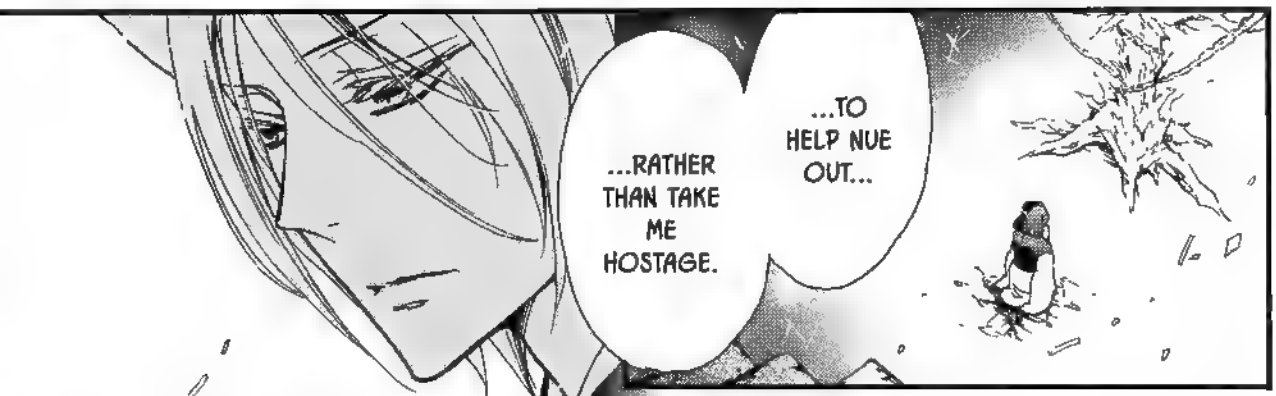
THE GRUDGES OF THE PEOPLE HE KILLED DEVOURED HIS SOUL...
...AND HE BECAME A MALEV-OLENT DEMON.
IN THE END, HE SEALED HIMSELF AWAY WITH A THOUSAND NEEDLES.

...IN ORDER TO KEEP GUARD OVER THAT SEAL.
I'M AN INSIGNIFICANT EXISTENCE.
I...
...BECAME AN AYAKASHI...


I KEPT WATCH TO MAKE SURE THOSE TEN THOUSAND GRUDGES WOULDN'T GET OUT OF CONTROL.
AND...
...TO REPLACE THE NEEDLES COUNTLESS TIMES.
I'VE CALLED ON THE NUE'S POWER...

IF A DAY COMES WHEN ALL GRUDGES ARE SETTLED...
...I'D LIKE TO MOURN FOR THAT MAN NAMED SOGA...
...WHO WAS MY FRIEND.
THIS NUE...
...I SEEM TO HAVE MISJUDGED HIS STRENGTH. AND FOR THAT, I AM VERY SORRY.
YOU PERFORMED THE RESEALING RITE...
...QUITE SPLENDIDLY.

YOU SHOULD HAVE BROUGHT ME HERE...


...TO HELP NUE OUT...
...RATHER THAN TAKE ME HOSTAGE.

NUE... WHY DID YOU BRING ME ALONG TODAY?

IT WAS A WHIM.

I DIDN'T WANT YOU CAUSING TROUBLE WHILE I WAS AWAY.
YOU'RE TALKING AS IF I'M A TROUBLE-MAKER!
?!
THAT'S BECAUSE YOU ARE.
BUSH
JUST A WHIM?
WHAT HAPPENED TO YOUR HEADPIECE?
AAAAH!
DO YOU PLAN ON GOING BACK TO THE PARTY SMELLING LIKE A HUMAN?
I MUST HAVE DROPPED IT SOME-WHERE.
WHAT SHOULD I DO?
HM HM
FOOSH
HELLO!
?!
IS A YOUNG GIRL IN TROUBLE?

FLUT
IT FELL FROM MY FLOWER HAIRPIN.
OH!
THAT FLOWER PETAL.
W-WHERE DID YOU COME FROM?!
HUH?!
The flower?!
HI THERE!
POOF
THAT'S JUST SPYING...
SILENCE!
FLOWERS ARE MY KIN! ♡ I WAS WATCHING WHERE YOUR LOVE WOULD GO USING THOSE FLOWER PETALS!
IT'S AN AFTERCARE SERVICE!
MY HEADPIECE!
I FOUND WHAT YOU WERE LOOKING FOR TOO.
OH.
BUT I'M NOT AN AYAKASHI.
THAT'S ALL RIGHT.
THANK YOU!
You really helped me out!
POOF

FLOWER...
IT DOESN'T MATTER IF A GIRL WHO'S WORKING HARD IS AYAKASHI OR HUMAN.
GIFT?
ARGH!
Pretend you didn't hear that!
HE'S VERY HANDSOME! ♡♡♡
IS HE THE ONE YOU'RE GIVING THE GIFT OF LOVE TO?
OH
SO ANY-WAY...
SWIP
THESE PETALS REMIND ME OF SPRING IN THE CAPITAL.

HE'S DANGEROUS...
...BUT I'VE NEVER MET A NUE QUITE LIKE HIM.
I'VE HAD THIS CEREMONY PERFORMED MANY TIMES...
...BUT BROAD-MINDED...
I DON'T KNOW HOW THAT WILL PLAY OUT IN THE FUTURE.
HOW DOES IT FEEL TO HAVE YOUR HEART TOUCHED BY THAT YOUNG NUE?
ARE YOU ABLE TO HEAR MY VOICE A LITTLE?
BUT I LOOK FORWARD TO THE NEXT TIME WE MEET.

LET'S GO BACK TO SLEEP AGAIN.
YAWN
YESTER-DAY...
DESPITE ALL THAT HAPPENED, I NEVER SET FOOT OUTSIDE THE HOUSE.
SHIN
IT WAS LIKE A DREAM.
I'M GOING NOW!
TAKE CARE, HIMARI.
SEE YOU LATER.
AOI...

DASH
AH!
WAIT A SECOND, HIMARI.
HM?
CLOSE YOUR EYES.
HUH? WHAT IS IT?!
JUST WAIT.
THERE.
I'M DONE.
WHAT'S THIS?

IT'S A FLOWER TO SHOW MY GRATITUDE, I SUPPOSE.
TMP
THAT RING...
AOI...

WHO...
...MADE THAT FOR YOU?!
GRAB
HUH?!
TELL ME WHO GAVE THAT TO YOU!
WHO IS THIS PERSON?!

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This is the third volume of *Momochi*. I'm surprised it's already this far along. The more I write, the more I need to write. And if I write one thing, I'm not able to write other things... It's agony, but I have a lot of fun. I'd like to build up this story, so I hope you continue to join me... There will be many more fun things to come!

Afterword

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I imagine this cover at twilight.
Come to think of it, whenever I draw
Himari's eyes in black and white,
I draw them like they're reflecting
the setting sun. Perhaps it's the
impression I get from the colors.

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